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Remarks

Claims 14, 16-19, and 22-26 are pending. Claim 14 is the only independent claim. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejection under 35, U.S.C 112, second paragraph.

Claim 14 has been amended also to include all of the limitations of the cancelled claims 15, 20, and 21, in a manner which applicant believes allows to patentably distinguish the originally disclosed invention over the prior art of record. In particular, it is submitted that none of the prior art references of record disclose, or fairly suggest to a person having ordinary skill in the art, the combined structural features as required by the amended Claim 4, including *inter alia* the two arms supporting the cloth having the continuous longitudinal portion arranged outside the respective longitudinal edge of the two arms and the transverse cut arranged at the articulation axis of the two arms. Such claimed structural features advantageously provide an excellent and efficient pivoting action of the cloth supported by the arms which advantageous effects are neither contemplated nor suggested by the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully solicits allowance of pending claims 14, 16-19, and 22-26.

Respectfully submitted,



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